

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application.

Priority Information

Applicants have amended the first paragraph of the specification, added previously in a Preliminary Amendment filed March 18, 2004, and submitted a Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Similar steps were taken during the prosecution of the parent application, Application No. 09/673,476, to correct a perceived inconsistency between the original and substitute declarations filed in the parent case. Because the original and substitute declarations were also filed in this case, Applicants are filing this amendment and the Supplemental Application Data Sheet in an abundance of caution.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended specification properly sets forth the benefit claim, and that this paragraph is consistent with the information provided in the Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Office acknowledge the benefit claim.

Claim Amendments

Claims 52 and 53 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 55-56 have been canceled. Upon amendment, claims 51-54 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in additional related applications.

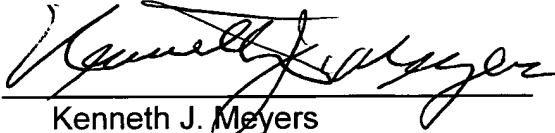
Applicants respectfully submit that the language in pending claims 51-54 parallels the language in allowed claims 53-56 in the parent application. Applicants therefore respectfully request the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary
Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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